

of it, the happy Legal Establishment of the Succession in your most Serene Family, that just Foundation of your Majesty's Title, the great Security under God of Religion and Liberty, and the perpetual Confusion of Arbitrary Power, and Illegal Pretensions to the Crown; we regard your Sacred Person with Wonder and Gratitude as a great Gift of God to these Nations, and your Accession to the Throne as a Reward which does abundantly Compensate the distinguished Zeal of your Bravest Subjects, and as the Answer of Heaven to the Prayers of all good Protestants.

And we cannot but observe adorable Divine Goodness in defending and maintaining your Majesty's Title, and in defeating hitherto the Attempts and Designs of the Popish Pretender, supported by formidable Powers abroad, and abetted by so many disaffected Persons at home.

Your consummate Wisdom, your admirable Conduct and Zeal for the Protestant Cause, the Princely Virtues which you Inherit from your Great Ancestors, who made so brave a Stand for Religion and Liberty, your powerful Interest in the Empire by your High Electoral Dignity, and the Dominions of the Ancient Illustrious Family of Brunswick-Lunenburg, your strict Alliance with, and just Interest in the High Esteem of the Protestant Princes and Powers Abroad; and the glorious Foundation on which your Government of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging does justly stand, make up that beautiful Chain which hath admirably link'd the disjointed Protestant Interest in Europe, placed your Majesty at the Head of it, mark'd you out as a Prince whom God has designed for a Bulwark of Religion, and a Terror to Popery and Arbitrary Government, and hath prepared a Reception for your Majesty into the Hearts of all who are concerned for our Religious and Civil Rights, and gives just ground for our Hopes, that other Protestant Churches now groaning under Oppression and Fear, shall feel the Benign Influences of that Power to which your Majesty is, we hope, rais'd for the Universal Support of the Reformation.

Your Majesty's early Care for our Safety and Peace, in appointing such a wise, faithful and vigilant Regency, till these Kingdoms shall be happy in your Royal Presence, does Challenge our grateful Acknowledgement, and is an Earnest of those Blessings we expect from your Auspicious Reign.

We beg leave to assure your Majesty, that as we had the Honour and Happiness to have a large Share in effecting the late happy Revolution, and have with invincible Resolution and Steadiness under many Discouragements strenuously asserted and maintained the Right of the Protestant Succession in your most renowned Family, from the very first Moment of its happy Settlement by our Laws; so we shall according to our just and known Principles of Christian Loyalty, in our several Stations exert our utmost Power, even at the greatest hazards, in Defence of your Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, against all your Enemies whatsoever, and particularly against the Popish Pretender, and all who are in his Interest at home and abroad.

That Almighty God, by whom Kings Reign, may eminently bless your Majesty and Royal Family, that the Crown may long flourish on your Head, and descend to your latest Posterity, with Honour and great Advantage to the glorious Interest of Religion and Liberty, is the earnest Prayer of us who in our own Name, and in the Name of those we Represent, beg leave to Subscribe our selves,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most Dutiful, most Faithful and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers in Dublin and the South of Ireland.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

**W**E beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, and do thankfully acknowledge that favourable Conduct of Divine Providence, which, by placing your Majesty into the peaceable and quiet Possession of

these your Kingdoms hath freed us from the melancholly Apprehensions we were under upon the Death of our late Sovereign.

The Fame of your Majesty's Virtues and great Qualities, does equally raise our Expectations and challenge our Esteem. Your steady Zeal for the Protestant Religion, your consummate Wisdom in Governing, your firm Adherence to the Publick Interests of Europe, and your vigorous and successful Attempts in defending them, are brighter Ornaments than the Crown you wear, and give you Majesty, together with the Government of our Persons, the Empire of our Hearts.

Your Majesty not only makes us happy in your own Person, but in a Royal Heir; a Prince of the brightest Character and greatest Hopes; from whom, and his illustrious Issue by a Princess of such Exemplary Piety your People promise themselves a Race of excellent Monarchs unto their latest Posterity.

This delightful Prospect extinguishes the Hopes of our Enemies, prevents those distracting Confusions we had reason to apprehend upon the failure of Posterity in your Majesty's Predecessors, and greatly endears the Memory of that glorious Prince, to whose wise Foresight and dying Cares we chiefly owe that happy Establishment by which the Crown is entailed upon your Royal Line.

We have, with the deepest Concern, observed the Restless Attempts of your Majesty's and the Nations Enemies to prevent your happy Reign over us, and obtrude a Popish Pretender upon us; and as we have incessantly offered up our Prayers to God for the Disappointment of all such wicked Designs so we can't but look upon your Majesty's peaceable Settlement on the Throne as a signal Return of Prayer, and an eminent Instance of God's being the Hearer of it.

We receive this extraordinary Fav'ur from the Hand of God with Transports of Joy! We esteem it our Honour to be govern'd by a Prince, in whose Veins flows the Blood of our ancient British Monarchs, and of the most Illustrious Families of Europe and we thankfully observe and adore the Goodness and Justice of Providence, in rewarding your Majesty's Steadiness to the Protestant Interest with a Crown more glorious than that which your Royal Ancestors lost in the Defence of Religion and Liberty.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty that no Hazards nor Discouragements have hitherto been able to deter us from publicly avowing our Adherence to the Succession in your Illustrious House, and to the common Protestant Interest, so we will always maintain an inviolable Loyalty and Affection to your sacred Person and Government and continue to promote the same dutiful and loyal Sentiments among those that are under our Influence and Care.

May the Great God, by whom Kings Reign multiply his Blessings upon your Majesty's Person and Family; may He establish your Throne and guide your Councils, so that all the Ends of Government may be attain'd by yours; may you be a glorious Defender of the Protestant Faith and a Protector of the whole reformed Interest both at home and abroad; may Vice be discouraged, our Laws and Liberties preserved, and our fatal Animosities suppressed. As it was the Glory of her late Majesty that she United two of her Kingdoms, may it be yours to Unite the Hearts of all your Subjects; may you Reign in the Affections of your People here as universally as you do in theirs whom you have left behind you; and after you have long been a common Blessing to the World may you inherit a Crown of eternal Glory. These, may it please your Majesty, are the hearty earnest of us,

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

Which Address his Majesty received very graciously, and was pleas'd to make the following Answer.

**I** Thank you for your Address, and am very sensible of your early Zeal in the Defence of the Protestant Interest, and of your constant and firm Adherence to the Succession of the Crown as establish'd in my Family, and you may always depend upon my Protection.

After which the Gentlemen above-named had the Honour of kissing his Majesty's Hand.